

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 156
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate R&B singing sensation Wendy Moten.

WHEREAS, the state of Tennessee is very proud of its young people who work hard, perfect their skills and excel, and are a credit to their family, community and state; and

WHEREAS, Wendy Moten is one such laudable young person. The Memphis native's pop single "Changing of Heart" went to number one in Japan, and the accompanying album was certified gold as well; and

WHEREAS, the R&B singing sensation didn't set out to be a stranger in her own land, but in Japan, her three albums are enthusiastically analyzed by music critics; and

WHEREAS, In London, she's a favorite among fans of modern soul balladry and a top ratings draw on BBC-TV; and

WHEREAS, in Amsterdam, she once appeared with Dutch superstar Rene Froger in 10 consecutive sold-out shows in Holland's largest indoor concert arena, performing for a total of 90,000 ticket buyers; and

WHEREAS, Wendy is not an expatriate artist who left the States with designs of cultivating an audience overseas; she also records in the United States; and

WHEREAS, she's had a top-10 hit on the American pop charts and toured with Michael Bolton; her voice can be heard on soundtracks for movies, prime-time TV shows and daytime soap operas; and

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WHEREAS, Wendy has attracted the attention of two of the most admired songwriters in the business, Grammy Award-winning songwriters Diane Warren and Carole Bayer-Sager; and

WHEREAS, when veteran rock stars Billy Preston, Felix Cavaliere of the Young Rascals, Mark Farner of Grand Funk Railroad, and Steve Cropper of Booker T. and the MG's united to form the impressive lineup of the Northwest All-star Band, they recruited Wendy Moten as the female lead vocalist and lone young unknown of the bunch; and

WHEREAS, after a bidding war among six record companies Wendy signed a recording contract with EMI Records; and

WHEREAS, Wendy has earned an invitation to appear on the tonight show with Jay Leno; and

WHEREAS, this legislative body wishes to bestow an enduring honor upon this extraordinary young woman and Tennessee R&B singing sensation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Wendy Moten on her pop single and number one hit "Changing of Heart", and the accompanying album that was certified gold, and wish her well in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.